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SUBJECT: PRC-AUSTRALIA WHEAT AGREEMENT SIGNED

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DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE, FAS, G& DIVISION

1. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO REPORT THE SIGNING OF LONG-TERM
AGREEMENT IN PEKING ON OCTOBER 18 UNDER WHICH AUSTRALIA WILL
SHIP UP TO 173 MILLION BUSHELS (4.71 MILLION METRIC TONS) OF
WHEAT TO THE PRC DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS -- CY 1974-76.
AGREEMENT SIGNED BY J.P. CASS, CHAIRMAN, AUSTRALIAN WHEAT
BOARD, AND OFFICIALS OF CHINA
ZTIONAL CEREALS, OILS AND
FOODSTUFFS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION.

2. ADDITIONAL DETAILS PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE HONG KONG INCLUDE FOLLOWING: (A) 1.1. MILLION M.T. TO
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BE SHIPPED IN CY 1974 AND 1.5 TO 1.8 MILLION M.T. EACH IN

CY 1975 AND CY 1976, WITH ACTUAL QUANTITIES TO BE DETERMINED IN SEPARATE COMMERCIAL SALES CONTRACTS; (B) FIRST COMMERCIAL SALES CONTRACT ALREADY SIGNED IN PEKING CALLS FOR DELIVERY OF 600,000 M.T. FROM JAN 1 TO JUNE 30, 1974. DEPENDING ON GRADES SHIPPED, COULD BE WORTH UP TO A\$80 MILLION (APPROX. US\$120 MILLION), OR APPROX. US\$200 PER .T.; (C) NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE OR JULY, 1974, TO WORK OUT PRICE, ETC. FOR 500,000 M.T. TO BE SHIPPED IN SECOND HALF CY 1974.

3. COMMENT: OPTION OF 5 PERCENT PLUS OR MINUS BASIC QUANTITIES MAY BE EXERCISED, BUT DO NOT KNOW IF 173 MILLION BUSHELS IS MID-POINT OR 5 PERCENT ABOVE MID-POINT. DETAILS OF REPORTED SALE APPEAR TO BE SAME AS INDICATED IN CAIRNS' HONG KONG STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 28 (SEE HK 9840). EXCEPT CAIRNS INDICATED ONLY 1.0 MILLION M.T. TO BE SHIPPED IN CY 1974.
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